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1. In order to assist you in your investigation of Organization 19's Case HANNES, the following transcripts are being submitted on individuals mentioned in KHLA-171.

AUER, Kurt

AMX-229, 12/19/1944 - Evaluation D-2. One of the principal men among the 30 during the critical times of 1940, he was an agent who always remained inconspicuous. Later active in the German Minority Group. Went to Berlin for some time.

AMX-4, 6/10/45. The AMX Network has offered its services to the Allies. May be under enemy control. Subject was taken from an interrogation center to Steyring to assist in the network operation.

KL-Wall, 4/21/45, Subject HOETTL, Dr. Wilhelm; Source AMX, Jr. Wilhelm. (From February 1943 to end of War, assigned to SE, Art. VI E (South-East). Had direct charge of the Rumania, Hungary, Croatia, Serbia, Albania, and Montenegro. Later gained considerable influence over operations of Eastern Rumania, Bulgaria and Greece.) Near the end of 1944, HOETTL attempted to consolidate and strengthen activities of VI E with the idea of putting his Intelligence net at the disposal of agencies of the U. S. This involved elimination of those elements both in VI E and in the countries under VI E jurisdiction who could not be trusted fully to renounce themselves. AMX, probably identical with Kurt AUER, was one of those told by HOETTL to clean up his sector. For AMX, this did not pose much of a problem inasmuch as several attempts had been made by the Americans, and also the British, Military Mission in Bucharest to call off his agents for their own purposes. In March 1945 AUER began to intimate to his agents that the inevitable military collapse of Germany would not necessarily involve a cessation of their work, and that a small circle of functionaries within Art. VI was contemplating continued intelligence activities possibly under the auspices of the Allies. AUER is later identified in this document as SUBORDINATING OFFICER.

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Hauptvertrauensmann for Rumania, who apparently was responsible to H. UTTI. From 1939 until the Russian occupation, RUM A organized and ran a net in Rumania from his office in Bucharest. H. UTTI considered the intelligence net operated by RUM A in Rumania as one of the best in terms of its production and potentialities. H. UTTI's plan for the centralization of intelligence activities under his direction was aided by the fact that RUM had selected a group of agents who were tied together by strong bonds of friendship.

ENR-52, 7/26/45. Subject pt, information listed below. RUM A of Loferer in Austria was in contact with Heisteller II Sud-Ost. RUM limited his visits to a minimum because he had the impression AUM K wanted to obtain as much information as possible on the operations of the Loferer in order to take over its agents for himself. RUM describes AUM K as "an evil spirit of VI A, brutal, selfish, ready for anything."

ENR-8958, 9/13/45, brief interrog. tion KURT JEMMELER. RUM K, probably identical with Kurt AUM K, described as liaison officer between USTU and the Iron Guard.

ENR-402-71cb, 9/13/45, subject: 1/T Net of Gruppe VI E of the USTU. Source: Dr. H. UTTI. Dr. UTTI jealously guarded his own private intelligence net in Rumania and succeeded in withholding the identity of some of his most important agents from the knowledge of Dr. H. UTTI, Hauptleiter VI E. He did so with a view to implement Dr. H. UTTI's master plan which was to turn over his net to the allies. In this connection he was in contact with USTU to keep the espionage part of the Rumanian net intact and separate from the VI E net.

ENR-402, 2/25/46. Subject named by Prince Nicolai STEPHAN in visit to our Bern station as working for Americans in Salzburg along with Francis PLESKY, and Ernst SCHREIN (probably id/w PLESKY and SOH NOT in UG-17A). These individuals are members of a group managed by Herbert WALKER and ERNSTING who are engaged in collecting information on Rumania. This information is received from Rumania via courier and is written in secret inks provided by Dr. KNAU and DR. KUGEL. The documents are sent to Munich for de-encoding and returned to Salzburg for translation. Local facilities are granted the group by Lt. BOMBERG and Major Dr. MILL of CIC, Salzburg. (The former Chief of CIC Investigations in Salzburg, now with this organization, says that BOMBERG an Army Capt. was formerly assistant to Captain ALFRED H. AMERICAN staff of ABTU. ERNSTING was discharged and became a civilian and public safety officer in Salzburg. Through his previous association with H. K. KNAU he became general contact in Salzburg for various agents who got into trouble etc. ERNSTING is Swiss-born and former Major in the Austrian army, was a CIC civilian employee who had unofficial contacts with CIC people in Salzburg. According to this same individual PLESKY is very probably an OSS agent and KUGEL probably an OSS agent.

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Subject was interviewed by the CIA in Bucharest, the following statement was made by him. "He is a German by origin and is a parent to a large family. His administration is the present nucleus of the group in the military. If the Dr. Nazi-vision wants to procure sufficient intelligence from Romania he finds us, (political) and economic intelligence not hard to obtain especially since they want to entirely annihilate us for it can be seen a more direct link with us, in a different way because we are. I C.D.S. made a distinctly unfriendly impression on this officer and was given no encouragement. His story and listened to with interest because of the alleged intelligence operations being run into our unit by America no.")

REF ID: A64647, 4/16/48. Subject is former SS agent who worked in Romania from 1940 until June 1945, removed from interrogation center by Munich CI to assist in running terrorist into the Balkans.

Washington Contacts: While Agent ROMA has not been positively identified as ROMA, it seems logical in view of the above information to assume that he is. ROMA is of additional interest to us in that he may well represent another ill penetration of Organization 13. Such a possibility is indicated by the following information:

REF ID: A64647, 30 October 1947, Bourne, a JC informant, stated that a Dr. Valter FLEISCH had attempted to contact a Frau VILKES, former member of R.O.M. VI E 7 in Bucharest. (Considerable information is available on VILKES.) VILKES is reported to have belonged to the German SS and to have had close contacts with various Romanian Ministries and the National Bank. According to VILKES, FLEISCH belonged to the opposition during the time of H.T. ROMA; and later joined the Communist Party. He is now said to be a courier between Bucharest and Vienna for the Romanian Foreign Office. According to a reliable source of the Heidelberg station, a certain Dr. FLEISCH, Frau was arrested early in 1945 by the Russians while taking pictures of Russian units. This man explained that during the war he was a German agent, but now worked for the Americans using American Red Cross papers. It was not known what disposition the Russians made of FLEISCH.

REF ID: A64647, dated 25 February 1948, contains further clarification of ROMA's position. The source for this information was S-Matuf Ernst and ROMA, once an associate of FLEISCH in R.O.M. VI E 7 and apparently the individual referred to in A64647, para 6. According to ROMA, Dr. Valter FLEISCH is an alias used by Dr. Walter VOLLMER, also spelled FOLLMER and VOLMERS. VOLLMER was born in Berlin, Germany. During the war he was employed by R.O.M. VI E 7 in Bucharest. His immediate superior was SS Ustaf AUGER. Immediately after the cessation of hostilities, VOLLMER fled to Romania where he offered his services to the Communist Party. Then his offer was rejected so he was issued a Romanian passport in the name of Valter FLEISCH GU, and was given a pass entitling him to travel throughout Romania. He is said to have traveled, under the name FLEISCH, between Bucharest and Vienna as an agent for the communist party.

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